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In Re U.S. Patent Application

Applicant: KAO *et al.*

Serial No.: 08/773,677

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For: **ENVIRONMENTALLY STABLE  
PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM  
THE REMEDIATION OF  
CONTAMINATED SEDIMENTS  
AND SOILS**

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
Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
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Sir:

This Amendment is in further response to the Office Action of December 12, 1998 is being filed as a Preliminary Amendment to a Continuing Prosecution Application made concurrently with this Amendment.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 3, and 9 as follows:

C1  1. (once amended) An environmentally stable substantially non-leaching cement product of a process for thermo-chemical remediation and decontamination of sediments and soils contaminated with organic materials as well as inorganic contaminants and heavy metals, the process comprising the steps of:

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